

In the winter of 1907-08, the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College offered for the first time to the farmers of the State a short course in agriculture and kindred subjects. The results were satisfactory in every way. Farmers representing twenty-two counties in the State were present, and expressed enthusiastic satisfaction with the work given. This course will be repeated, and lectures and demonstration work will begin Tuesday, January 12th, and continue for four weeks, closing February 10th. The lectures will be given in the morning and demonstrations of stock-judging, dairy practice, farm machinery, silo and ensilage machinery, pruning, spraying, etc., in the afternoon. General Agriculture will be given the first week. Animal Husbandry the second, Dairy Husbandry the third, and Horticulture the fourth. In addition to the practical instruction given during the day, one or more illustrated lectures on popular subjects will be given at night during each week of the course. The expense of the farmer for the four weeks course, it is estimated, will be about twenty dollars.

The above is an abstract of a statement made by the President of the College, Mr. Barringer, setting forth the objects and advantages of the course offered to the farmers of Virginia and, therefore, may be accepted not only as authentic and correct but in every way worthy of their consideration. The subjects to be presented, it will be noted, are of the practical kind, in which all farmers are interested and who for the most part lack the information to be given them that is necessary to enable them to conduct their farming operations to the best advantage and with most profit to themselves. It goes without saying, that many farmers of the State will avail themselves of the advantages of the course offered them and as many farmers of the Eastern Shore, as can conveniently do so, it is to be hoped, will be present "to take the course" and receive the profits to be derived therefrom. As a class they are better equipped for their work, perhaps, than any in the State but they do not know it all and should be glad of the opportunity to add to their knowledge that in which they are deficient. The relaxation and pleasure they will find in the course will be worth much more than it will cost them and it is no flattery, to say, that our farmers for the most part are not ungrateful when it is presented to them—and to profit by it.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Shore Produce Exchange, at Onley on Wednesday, was well attended and conducted in a way to merit the commendation of all the people of the Eastern Shore. It was a harmonious gathering and all of the day's proceedings showed that the members were not only satisfied with the way in which the affairs of the Exchange had been conducted the present year but by their officers but that they were willing to trust them again and proved it by giving all of their other term. That the members showed their pleasure and satisfaction too by increasing the salary of the business manager, general inspector and assistant general inspector, and in offering an increase to the treasurer, which was declined, should occasion no surprise and be no cause for dissatisfaction. The affairs of the Exchange, as presented in the reports of the business manager and treasurer, indicated too much progress and success to give anyone ground for complaint or unwillingness to withhold from the officers the rewards that were due to them for services faithfully rendered. That the Exchange will continue to grow in favor with the people and be the medium through which greater prosperity will come to them in the future than in the past, no one now doubts, as long as it continues under its present management. The members of the organization surely have every reason to be satisfied with the operations of the Exchange and it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant, when all the people of the Eastern Shore will be convinced how much greater benefits would accrue to us, if all would unite in helping it along to greater success by becoming members of the organization.

The President's message to Congress, now in session, is only a repetition of the policies advocated by him heretofore and contains nothing new or striking. The affairs of the message briefly are: "An attack on the anti-trust laws of the United States, in which he declared that the Sherman act should be amended to permit combinations in the interest of the public, and urging that the national government can best cope with trusts under the interstate clause of the constitution; legislation to safeguard the wage-workers and provide for them when injured, etc.; the need of protecting the forest; better pay for federal judges, and while saying the courts are imperilled by the judges, charges that many of the shortcomings of justice are chargeable to the people; recommends postal savings banks, and the real progress in self-government made in the Philippines.

Narrowly Escaped Watery Graves.
Messrs. Leland Corbin and Ernest Bunk had a narrow escape from watery graves on Wednesday, December 2d. While crossing the mouth of Straits channel, near Hog Island, on that day, their boat loaded with clams sank, leaving them in water beyond their depths and unable to swim. That they are alive today is due to timely assistance given them by Messrs. Edward Farlow and Curtis Bloxom who were crossing the channel in another boat and went to their rescue. Mr. Bunk, as going down the last time and under the water when Mr. Farlow caught him Mr. Corbin, when rescued, was keeping his head above water with the help of an oar but could not have done so much longer.

For fresh fruits, candies and Xmas presents call on
Ashby & Hickman.

Stockholders Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Parkley National Bank will be held at said bank Tuesday, January 12, 1909, at one o'clock.
W. N. Mason, Cashier.

Don't fail to see the large display of furniture, carpets, art squares, rugs &c. at Kate & Mason's.

Stockholders Meeting.
The annual meeting of stockholders of Bank of Keller, Inc., will be held at said bank Thursday, January 14th, 1909 at ten o'clock for election of directors.
C. B. Mears, cashier.

Christmas goods are coming in now daily and I am ready to meet the demand of those who judiciously do their shopping early.
Jno. W. Duncan, Jeweler,
Onancock, Va.

Leatherbury, Belote & Co's Big Store is Santa Claus' headquarters.

Call on C. E. Nicolls, Pungotague, for Virginia-Carolina Chemical fertilizers.

Large assortment of toys and fancy articles are shown at
Pate & Mason's.

Will sell all millinery at low prices to make room for Spring and Summer millinery of 1909.
Mrs. Birdie Hogan,
over Just's restaurant,
Parkley, Va.

Lowmyer's chocolates, all grades, paraffin almonds, the famous Marbot walnut, all at
Crowson's.

Write to us for estimates on doors, sash, blinds, stairs, and all other kinds of building material, hardware, paints, &c. Stock large, prices low.
R. D. L. Fletcher will be at Accomac Court H. the first day of every county Court, to receive orders for the firm.
Cape Charles Ice and Lumber Co.

Headquarters for holly. Ship to arrive from 10th to 30th.
Richard B. Brown,
178 Chambers St.,
New York

Go to Parkley and call on Crowson. He is agent for our coffees—four grades. He will give you money back, if he can't satisfy you. We pay him.
Thompson, Taylor Coffee Co.

Business Notices.
FOR SALE—1 wind mill—"Goodhue"—40 ft. tower, in good condition. Also 2 inch cypress tank, capacity 850 gallons. Tank as good as new. Will sell cheap.
B. T. Gunter.

FOR RENT FOR 1908—Farm at present occupied by Robert Watkinson Apply to
Ben T. Gunter,
Agent.

FOR RENT—For year 1909 the storehouse now occupied by us at Hallwood. Excellent location and a fine opportunity to secure one of the best business sites in county.
J. L. Byrd & Co.,
Hallwood, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning, trapping, or otherwise trespassing on our arable lands, marshes and woods in Custis Neck, under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of the law.
The Misses Custis,
Accomac, Oct 15, 1908.

NOTICE—I offer for sale my driving mare, Calice Minceant. She is a pretty bay with black points, eight years old next spring, fearless of all objects, speed limited to about three minutes. But she is one of the best drivers that lives and this she will prove any day. Will weigh 900 lbs. This mare can be bought at a very reasonable price or will exchange for a good all round family mare.
Yours for business,
Geo. C. Bonniwell,
Harborton, Va.

FOR RENT—House and lot in Belle Haven for 1909.
Mrs. Margaret S. M. ar,
Mappsville, Va.

FOR RENT—For year 1909, dwelling with 10 rooms, outbuildings and lot, all in good condition, in village of Mappsville. For terms &c. apply to
Wm. Walsh,
Mappsville, Va.

LOST—A dark brown Irish setter dog. Liberal reward will be paid for his return.
John R. Rew,
Parkley, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning, trapping, or cutting holly or other evergreens on the farm known as Mount Custis, under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of the law.
Dr. Louis McLane Tiffany.

LOTS FOR SALE—At LeCato Station Oak Hall, Va.
Jno. S. Parsons,
Accomac, Va.

FOR SALE—A valuable house and lot at Tassley Station. Excellent location and a modern and first-class house. For further information apply to
Stewart K. Powell,
Onancock, Va.

NOTICE—House moved by day or contract at any point in Accomac or Northampton on reasonable terms by the undersigned. Prompt attention given to all calls by letter or phone at my home.
G. T. Grotton,
Accomac, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning, trapping, or otherwise trespassing in any way on my premises known as Cedar Grove, in Wallops Neck, under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of law.
W. H. Hickman

WANTED—A white woman to do general house work. Good wages to right party.
Box 82,
Accomac C. H., Va.

FOR SALE—40 cords of seasoned wood at Guilford at \$1.75 per cord. Call for Richard Jenkins, agent.
W. J. Willett,
Leemont, Va.

FOR RENT—The storehouse at the corner on my premises, near Grangeville. Possession given at once.
Jno. E. Bradford.

STRAVED—Away from my premises, near Accomac C. H., one week ago, a brown and white hound gip. Liberal reward will be paid for information of her whereabouts.
Teas Savage.

NOTICE—I forewarn all persons from trespassing upon the "Moore Farm" and offer a reward of \$25.00 for evidence that will convict anyone taking holly therefrom or otherwise trespassing upon said farm.
L. Floyd Nock.

FOR SALE—One pair of Stimpson's computing scales, one cash register, and one cotton cabinet. Will sell for less than one-fourth of their cost.
C. A. Harmon,
Exmore, Va.

NOTICE—Having had six years experience with all the latest implements for printing stamps, preparing new ground, and moving houses, I now offer my services to the people of Accomac and Northampton counties by day or contract. Strict attention given to all business.
G. H. Gravenor,
Rue, Va.

FOR SALE—Livery stables at Accomac C. H., now occupied by G. Douglass Wilkins. Possession given January 1st, 1909.
W. C. West,
Onancock, Va.

FOR SALE—At private contract, my farm situated at Horntown and containing about 175 acres, 50 acres of which is cleared land.
J. W. Rowley,
Cor. Elm Avenue and Lincoln St.,
Portsmouth, Va.

NOTICE—I offer for sale valuable building and business lots at New Church Station on reasonable terms.
L. Floyd Nock.

REVELS ISLAND CLUB STOCK—By order of the Board of Directors of the Revels Island Club of Accomac County, Va., the undersigned will sell at public auction at No. 509 Peoples Bank Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m., six forfeited shares of stock of said club standing in the names of delinquent members as represented by certificates Nos. 539, 549 and 550 each for two shares to satisfy unpaid dues and assessments upon said stock as provided for in the Virginia Code, and pursuant to the by-laws of the Corporation.
Edward O'Neill,
President.

J. M. Shields,
Secretary.
J. M. Askin & Co., Auctioneers.

NOTICE—A history of the Byrd family of Eastern Shore of Virginia compiled by Colwell P. Byrd, formerly of Muddy Creek, Va., now of Pocomoke City, Md., is now ready for sale. Price \$1.10 post paid. Address Colwell P. Byrd, P. O. Maryland.

NOTICE—For monuments and tombstones at lowest price call on
H. Lee Lilliston,
Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—Shoats for sale.
P. E. Wharton.

WANTED—500 barrels of corn.
A. J. Lilliston,
Accomac, Va.

Statement of the Financial Condition of
The Bank of Keller, Inc.,
located at Keller, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.		\$8,261.16
Loans and Discounts		107.43
Overdrafts		4,923.09
Stocks, bonds and mortgages		5,629.57
Banking House		975.00
Other real estate		2,330.00
Furniture and fixtures		35,398.94
Due from National Banks		31.83
Due from State Banks and Private Banks		907.91
Specie, nickels and cents		6,870.00
Paper Currency		142,611.37
Total		\$120,209.12
LIABILITIES.		\$20,000.00
Capital stock paid in		1,200.00
Surplus fund		1,167.27
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes		109,239.94
Individual deposits subject to check		238.50
Certified checks		296.21
Cashier's checks outstanding		129.32
Due to National Banks		10,000.00
Bills payable		142,611.37
Total		\$120,209.12

I, Chas. B. Mears, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Bank of Keller, Inc., located at Keller, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 27th day of November, 1908, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Chas. B. Mears, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
S. W. Ames,
E. T. Powell,
J. H. Turner,
Directors

State of Virginia, County of Accomac:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of December, 1908.
Leonard C. Mears, Notary Public.
My commission expires January 5, 1911.

Statement of the Financial Condition of
THE
Banking Co. of L. L. Dickinson, Jr.,
located at Chincoteague Island, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.		\$13,000.00
Loans and Discounts		1,000.00
Overdrafts		1,000.00
Stocks, bonds and mortgages		15,000.00
Banking House		400.00
Checks and other cash items		400.00
Due from National Banks		3,000.00
Specie, nickels and cents		10,000.00
Paper Currency		3,000.00
Total		\$278,315.86
LIABILITIES.		\$55,200.00
Capital stock paid in		15,000.00
Surplus fund		2,302.28
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes		24.00
Individual deposits subject to check		185,209.56
Certified checks		111.90
Cashier's checks outstanding		63.24
Due to National Banks		3,000.00
Due to State Banks and Banks		61.01
Notes and bills rediscounted		10,000.00
Total		\$278,315.86

I, Daniel Jeffries, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Banking Co. of L. L. Dickinson, Jr., located at Chincoteague Island, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 27th day of November, 1908, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Daniel Jeffries, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
L. L. Dickinson, Jr.,
W. M. Burwell,
R. H. Marshall,
Directors

State of Virginia, County of Accomac:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of December, 1908.
E. H. Bratten, Notary Public.
My commission expires 2-14, 1911.



Things to Give

SOME FOR COMFORT
SOME FOR UTILITY.

SUITS,
OVER-COATS,
RAIN-COATS,
GLOVES,
UNDERWEAR,
NECKWEAR,
COAT SWEATERS,
MUFFLERS,
SUSPENDERS,
HOSIERY,
SHIRTS,
COLLARS,
CUFFS,
HATS & CAPS,
BATH ROBES,
PAJAMAS,
UMBRELLAS,
SUIT CASES,
HANDKERCHIEFS,
"Initial & Plain."

I. H. MERRILL CO.
Pocomoke, Md.

"ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS."

New Livery at Painter, Va.

On January 1st, 1909, I will open up a **FIRST-CLASS LIVERY** at Painter, Va., well prepared to convey passengers to any point on the Peninsula at reasonable rates and with comfort and dispatch. The most of vehicles will be new and team good drivers.

On notice will meet and carry passengers to and from any of the B. C. & A. wharves in Accomac.

In connection with my livery will be run a
First-Class Hotel.

The patronage of the public solicited.
GEO. D. HICKMAN.

Jno. W. Duncan,
Jeweler,
Refractionist,
Optician,

ONANCOCK, VA.

Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Cut-Glass, Silverware, Silver Piece Goods, and everything belonging to a jewelry store of the first-class, at close prices.

I am not on the corner now—two new buildings having been erected since mine.

The South Bend Watch

Running and keeping time frozen solid in a cake of ice.



See the Frozen Watch Exhibit this week in front of
W. J. NEVILLE'S STORE,
Onancock, Va.



We are Ready for Christmas Shoppers

A magnificent store of especially-bought and specially low-priced Christmas Merchandise awaits your choosing here. Never in the history of Onancock retailing has there been such a complete gathering of fine Holiday Goods as we are displaying now—appropriate gift-hings for everyone.

Special attention is invited to the many articles of a useful character—attractive things which offer unusual opportunity to obtain gifts combining beauty and utility to a rare degree. These make really handsome presents—gifts which bring more than a passing pleasure to their recipients and therefore perpetuate the memory of the giver.

The following list furnishes evidence of how remarkably far small sums will go at this Store in purchasing gift-articles of this character:

Fancy Chinaware, Bric-a-brac and Christmas Novelties.
The finest display of these goods we have ever shown, including many novelties which you have never seen before and can only obtain here. There are also many beautiful pieces of hand-painted China. Prices are extremely low for such attractive, appropriate gift-things. Fancy pieces from 5c. to \$12.00 each. Tea Sets \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$5.00 (56 pieces); Dinner Sets \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$22.50 (110 pieces).

Gift Linens.
Fine, beautiful Table Damask, with Napkins to match—what prettier gift could you give some woman who takes pride in her table decorations? We can think of none—and you need look no further than this Store for the most attractive Linens for gift-giving.
Damask from 25c. to \$1.75 yd.
Napkins from 75c. to \$5.00 doz.

Umbrellas.
A useful, handsome present for men or women that can be adapted to the full or scanty purse. Our line includes the newest designs in handles, in 26 and 28 inch sizes for men and women.
Exceptionally good values at 50c. to \$5.00.

Gift Furniture.
In addition to a full line of new Christmas Rockers, our Furniture Department offers scores of other charming gift-articles. Every price an economy sign-board.
Taborrets, Easels, Desks, Book Cases, &c., &c.

Handkerchiefs.
Gift Kinds. Low Priced.
A superb assortment of plain and fancy Handkerchiefs—the dainty "lacy" kinds, exquisitely embroidered for women. Initialed Handkerchiefs of purest linen, and beautiful fancy ones of silk for men.
A rich profusion—singly, or by the half-dozen or dozen and in pretty holiday boxes—from 5c. each to \$6.00 a dozen.

A Wonderland of Beautiful Toys, Dolls and Games.

Everything here to delight the heart of childhood—Dolls of every imaginable kind, dressed and undressed; Toys of the best qualities—strong and sturdy—including mechanical novelties which the small boy will fairly go wild over; and Games to amuse both boys and girls during the long Winter evenings.
You will find what you want in this Toyland—and at a surprisingly low price.

Toys from 5c. to \$6.50 each. Dolls from 10c. to \$6.50 each.

Other Gift Suggestions.

HOLIDAY STATIONERY—All the correct new styles and tints, in beautiful fancy boxes—10c., 25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, up to \$3.00 the box.

HANDSOME COUNTERPANES in rich new designs; fine qualities at 95c. to \$7.50 each.

FINE WOOL BLANKETS—Fine, fleecy kinds for gifts, at 75c. to \$11.00 a pair.

COMFORTABLES with a wealth of luxuriant warmth, filled with best quality down and covered with silklike in beautiful colors—\$1.00 to \$6.50 each.

FINE CUTLERY—The "keen cutting" kind in splendid assortment, very reasonably priced.

Women's Suits and Coats Reduced.
Every Tailored Suit and Coat in the garment section has met with a Heavy Price-Reduction—like these: \$5.00 Coats for \$2.98; \$10 Coats for \$6.98. All other Coats and Tailored Suits at corresponding reduction.

Leatherbury, Belote & Co.

Builders' Material.
A Beautiful 6 Year Old Stallion
FOR SALE
—AT—
Private Contract.

We have a large line of all kinds of **BUILDERS' MATERIAL**, and can save you money if you will call to see us. We name in part:

DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, MANTELS, NEWELS, GABLE ORNAMENTS, BRACKETS, LATHS, BRICKS, SHINGLES, HAIR, LIME, CEMENT, &c. &c.

A trial order will convince you that we can save you money. Let us give you our prices.
G. T. BENSON & CO.,
Keller, Va.

MARTIN & MASON CO.
Call attention to their large stock of Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Builders' Hardware, Shingles, Laths, Lime, Bricks, and Building Material generally, Paints, Oils and Painters' Supplies.

We are prepared to cut house bills to order; also manufacture barrel staves and heads of good quality. Our grist mill will run every Saturday, Notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

We shall at all times be pleased to show our goods and invite you to call and inspect our stock before making your purchases and we will save you money.
MARTIN & MASON CO.,
Harborton Va.

Statement of the Financial Condition of
THE
Accomack Banking Co., Inc.,
located at Parkley and Bloxom, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908, made to the State Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.		\$136,456.68
Loans and Discounts		149.24
Overdrafts		2,755.00
Banking House		2,823.17
Furniture and fixtures		33,816.67
Due from National Banks		234.32
Specie, nickels and cents		8,940.00
Paper Currency		94.04
Treasurer of Accomac county		10,209.12
Total		\$136,456.68
LIABILITIES.		\$136,456.68
Capital stock paid in		\$17,000.00
Surplus fund		5,500.00
Undivided profits, less amount paid for interest, expenses and taxes		2,746.41
Individual deposits subject to check		62.00
Dividends unpaid		143,389.22
Certified checks		6.50
Cashier's checks outstanding		340.44
Due to National Banks		1,963.55
Total		\$136,456.68

I, J. W. Rowdin, President, do solemnly swear that the above is a true statement of the financial condition of the Accomack Banking Company, Incorporated, located at Parkley and Bloxom, in the State of Virginia, at the close of business on the 27th day of November, 1908, to the best of my knowledge and belief.
J. W. Rowdin, President.

Correct—Attest:
A. W. Short,
John L. Rayfield,
Harry F. White,
Directors

State of Virginia, County of Accomac:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December, 1908.
Roy D. White, Notary Public.
My commission expires January 20, 1911.



With Our Greatest Holiday Display.

Children! Write to Santa Claus on a Souvenir Post Card.
You can obtain these pretty Post Cards at this Store—Free. On them you should write and tell Santa Claus just what you want for Christmas—and he will see that you get it.
All you have to do is to sign your own name and your papa's and mama's name to one of these Cards, and then stick it in any post-office or the mail box in our Store. Get your Card today.

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